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of Excise (who had been recruited direct) who may apply for selection as reserve sub-registrars. They have also decided to amend the Madras Ministerial Service Rules so as to make such discharged sub-inspectors of Excise eligible to apply for selection as Probationary Revenue Inspectors. Certain other proposals for the absorption in other departments of discharged officers and men of the Excise department are under the consideration of the Government.

"(*c*) No medical charges are levied but a certificate of physical fitness has to be produced if required by the Commission. An admission fee is payable in all cases where selection is made after due advertisement.

"(*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*b*) above. The question of relaxing the age-rule in regard to other appointments is engaging the attention of the Government."

Famine measures taken by Government in 1937–38 *in Ceded districts.*

* 120 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the different kinds of works undertaken during the famine period are in 1937–38 in each of the Ceded districts; and

(*b*) what the total amount spent is for famine measures by the Government on—

(i) the establishment charges; and

(ii) on the works undertaken?

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) Road works and repairs to irrigation works were undertaken in the Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool districts.

"In the Bellary and Anantapur districts weavers were also relieved at their own crafts.

"(*b*) Exact details regarding the expenditure incurred on the relief operations are not yet available with the Government. They will be published in due course along with the final report on the famine operations. Approximately the expenditure incurred up to the end of November including that relating to weaving centres was—

	RS.
Establishment charges	2,38,900
Tools, shelter, etc.	1,75,000
Wages to workers and meals and allowances to dependants on gratuitous relief, provision of fodder, etc.	18,58,700"